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APPARATUS INCLUDING)
INFORMATION ATTACHING AND)
GENERATING DEVICE WHICH)
GENERATES GROUP CONTROL)
INFORMATION (As Amended))

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The relevance of the attached foreign language documents can be understood from the attached English-language abstract, and from the citation of this document in the attached Japanese Office Action dated July 24, 2006. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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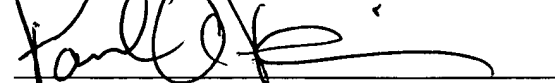
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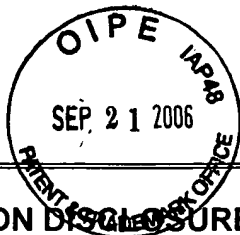
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